

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip, arranged to irradiate measurement light onto an immunochromatographic test strip and to measure light from the immunochromatographic test strip, the measuring device comprising:

a table on which the immunochromatographic test strip is to be mounted;

a photodiode for receiving the light from the immunochromatographic test strip; and

a light shielding member provided between the immunochromatographic test strip and the photodiode~~[[,]]and having a plurality of light paths for guiding part of the light from the immunochromatographic test strip to the photodiode,~~

wherein a plurality of hole portions are formed in the light shielding member so as to penetrate the light shielding member from the table side to the photodiode side, whereby a part of the light from the immunochromatographic test strip to the photodiode is guided through each of the hole portions; and

wherein ~~the plurality of light paths~~ the plurality of hole portions are juxtaposed along a direction in which a colored portion of line shape formed on the immunochromatographic test strip extends.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein a width of the ~~light paths~~ hole portions is not more than a width of the colored portion of line shape.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein an inside diameter of the hole portions is not more than a width of the colored portion of line shape.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein the number of said photodiode is set to be not less than 1 and not more than the number of said light paths.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein the light from the immunochromatographic test strip is reflected light of the measurement light irradiated onto the immunochromatographic test strip.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein the light from the immunochromatographic test strip is transmitted light of the measurement light irradiated onto the immunochromatographic test strip.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein the immunochromatographic test strip is moved relative to a detection optical system including the photodiode and ~~the light paths~~ the light shielding member,

in parallel with a moving direction of an antigen or antibody on the immunochromatographic test strip.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of ~~detection optical systems each including the photodiode and the light paths~~ photodiodes are juxtaposed along the direction.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip comprising:

a table on which an immunochromatographic test strip is to be mounted;

a light emitting diode for emitting light toward the table;

a photodiode for receiving light coming from the table; and

a light shielding member disposed between the table and the photodiode,

wherein the light emitting diode and the photodiode move relative to the table in a predetermined direction, and

wherein a plurality of ~~light paths~~ hole portions penetrating the light shielding member from the table side to the photodiode side are formed in juxtaposition in a direction intersecting with the predetermined direction, in the light shielding member.

Claim 11 (New): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 1, wherein the photodiode is mounted on the light shielding member.

Claim 12 (New): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 11, further comprising a light emitting diode mounted on the light shielding member,

wherein a hole portion is formed in the light shielding member so as to penetrate the light shielding member from the light emitting diode side to the table side, whereby the measurement light emitted from the light emitting diode is guided to the immunochromatographic test strip through the hole portion.

Claim 13 (New): The measuring device for immunochromatographic test strip according to Claim 10, wherein the photodiode and light emitting diode are mounted on the light shielding member, and

wherein a hole portion penetrating the light shielding member from the light emitting diode to the table side is formed in the light shielding member.